

S/N 09/669,852

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Horton Examiner: Strange, A.N.  
Serial No.: 09/669,852 Group Art Unit: 2153  
Filed: September 27, 2000 Docket No.: 20009.0019US01 (BS00-150)  
Title: xDSL Connection Monitor

---

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 25, 2005.

By: 

Name: Jeramie J Keys

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed SB08 form are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits after the filing or a request for continued examination. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed SB08 form.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent document and non-patent literature listed on the enclosed SB08 form is provided.

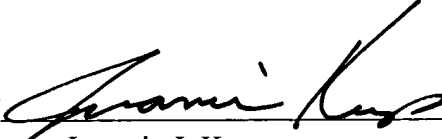
No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

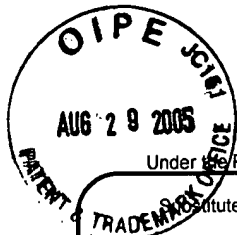
Application Number: 09/669,852  
Attorney Docket Number: 20009.0019US01

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached SB08 form, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 503025.

WITHERS & KEYS, LLC  
P.O. Box 71355  
Marietta, GA 30007-1355  
678-565-4748

By   
Name: Jeramie J. Keys  
Reg. No.: 42,724  
Initials: JJK



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/669,852
Filing Date	September 27, 2000
First Named Inventor	Horton
Art Unit	2153
Examiner Name	Strange, A.N.
Attorney Docket Number	20009.0019US01 (BS00-150)

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	1	US- 6,611,868	08/26/2003	Arutyunov	
	2	US- 6,470,395	10/22/2002	Van Aken	
	3	US- 6,606,659	08/12/2003	Hegli	
	4	US- 6,557,038	04/29/2003	Becker	
	5	US- 6,609,154	08/19/2003	Fuh	
	6	US- 6,392,990	05/21/2002	Tosey	
	7	US- 6,574,197	06/03/2003	Kanamaru	
	8	US- 5,964,837	10/12/1999	Chao	
	9	US- 5,959,974	09/28/1999	Badt	
	10	US- 6,205,579	03/20/2001	Southgate	
	11	US- 6,622,179	09/16/2003	Welder	
	12	US- 6,668,282	12/23/2003	Booth III	
	13	US- 6,654,914	11/25/2003	Kaffine	
	14	US- 6,747,957	06/08/2004	Pithawala	
	15	US- 6,640,239	10/28/2003	Gidwani	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> *Number <sup>4</sup> *Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.